

The Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Executive Summary

May 21, 2012

In January of 2011, the Transportation Planning Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Pender County, and the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization initiated a study to cooperatively develop the Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), which includes the towns of Atkinson, Burgaw, St. Helena, and Watha. This is a long range multi-modal transportation plan that covers transportation needs through the year 2040. Modes of transportation evaluated as part of this plan include: highway, public transportation and rail, bicycle, and pedestrian.

Achievements of the Pender County CTP include:

- A Vision Statement
- A transportation survey that received 445 responses.
- Identification of the worst accident locations in Pender County
- Traffic Volumes forecast on major roads to year 2040 to identify roads that will be over capacity
- Identified all the roads that don't meet minimum widths by current standards
- Coordinated with Pender County schools and identified the corridors with the most school buses.
- Made recommendations for road improvements based on volumes, widths, and heavy school traffic. Coordinated plans with recommendations made by the NC 53 Corridor Study in Burgaw, the 2010 Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the US 17/ NC 210 Corridor Study.
- Identified Walker Street (US 117 Bus) as a corridor that needs access improvements.
- Identified deficient bridges in Pender County
- Bike and Pedestrian subcommittee made recommendations for Multi-use paths
- Atkinson and Burgaw made recommendations for sidewalks.
- Recommended restoring rail lines connecting Wilmington to Jacksonville, and Wallace to Castle Hayne.

The public drop in session will be held on June 21st, 2012 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the Pender County Administration Bldg, 805 S. Walker Street in Burgaw in the Public Assembly Room.

All members of the Pender County Steering Committee brought forth great ideas and lively discussions to our meetings. I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

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